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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Susan Dobbs, et al. :

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Examiner's Action in this application, mailed on September 10, 2004, and having an original period for response of three (3) months, which expired on December 10, 2004, be extended by one (1) month(s), such that it expires on January 10, 2005.

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